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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ENRG, EINV

SUBJECT: ESSO ANDINA WITHDRAWING FROM ECUADOR AFTER UNSUCCESSFUL
LEGAL EFFORTS AGAINST GOE TAKE-OVER

REF: 76 QUITO 7236

1. MANAGER OF ESSO ANDINA, INC., HAS INFORMED THE EMBASSY IN
A LETTER DATED NOVEMBER 9 THAT IT IS IN THE PROCESS OF
WITHDRAWING FROM ECUADOR BECAUSE "THE COMPANY HAS EXHAUSTED ALL
LEGAL REMEDIES IN ECUADOR, AND THE ECUADOREAN GOVERNMENT HAS
MADE IT CLEAR IT IS NOT DISPOSED TO PAY THE PROMPT, ADEQUATE
AND EFFECTIVE COMPENSATION FOR THE COMPANY'S SEIZED ASSETS
THAT IS REQUIRED BY INTERNATIONAL LAW".

2. COMPANY'S COMMUNICATION TO THE EMBASSY GOES ON TO SAY:
"THE LOSS INVOLVED FOR THE ESSO INTERESTS IS THE RELATIVELY
MODEST SUM OF APPROXIMATELY DOLLARS 600,000. MORE
IMPORTANTLY, IT IS CERTAINLY A PERNICIOUS PRECEDENT, NOT IN
THE LARGER INTERESTS OF THE UNITED STATES, THAT PROPERTY
OWNED BY US NATIONALS MAY BE CONFISCATED BY A FOREIGN
GOVERNMENT, WITHOUT COMPENSATION WHATEVER."

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3. IN A DISCUSSION WITH EMBOFFS THE COMPANY'S MANAGER,
NESTOR VALENZUELA, EXPLAINED THAT THE FIGURE OF \$600,000
REPRESENTS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE COMPANY'S BOOK
VALUE OF APPROXIMATELY \$230,000 AND THE ESTIMATED
MARKET VALUE.

4. VALENZUELA SAID THAT ESSO ANDINA IS NOT (REPEAT NOT) AT THIS TIME REQUESTING THE USG TO MAKE ANY REPRESENTATIONS TO THE GOE ON THIS MATTER. HE SAID THE COMPANY'S STRATEGY IS TO AWAIT THE ENTRY OF A NEW GOVERNMENT IN ECUADOR, AS SCHEDULED FOR NEXT YEAR, IN THE HOPE THAT THE NEW GOE AUTHORITIES WILL BE MORE FORTHCOMING.
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